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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

August 19, 2026

The activity of a Russian Navy vessel in the waters surrounding Japan.

- At around 9:00 p.m., Saturday, August 15, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Balzam-class AGI x 1 (hull number 80) sailing northwestward in the waters approximately 20 km northeast of Cape Soya.
- The RFN vessel continued to sail westward through Soya Strait from August 15 to 16.
- This is the same vessel sailed eastward through Soya Strait on July 22.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

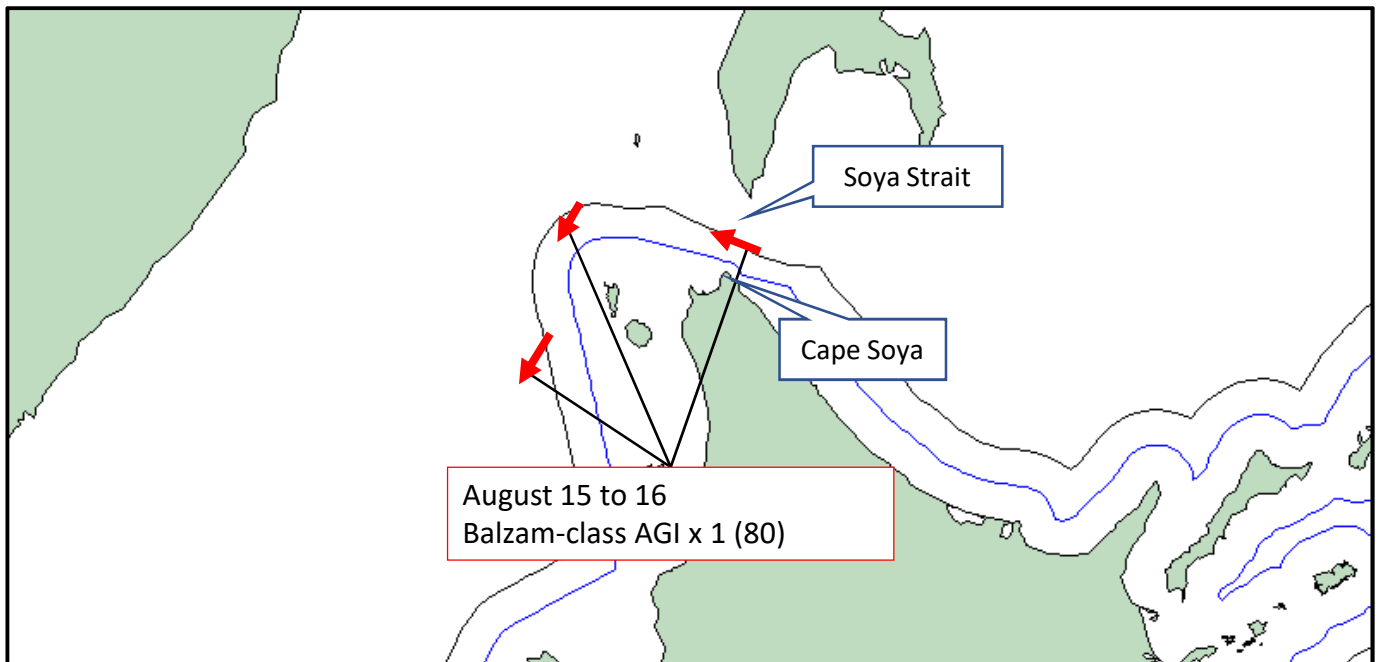
RFN: Russian Federation Navy

AGI: Auxiliary General Intelligence

Balzam-class AGI (hull number 80)

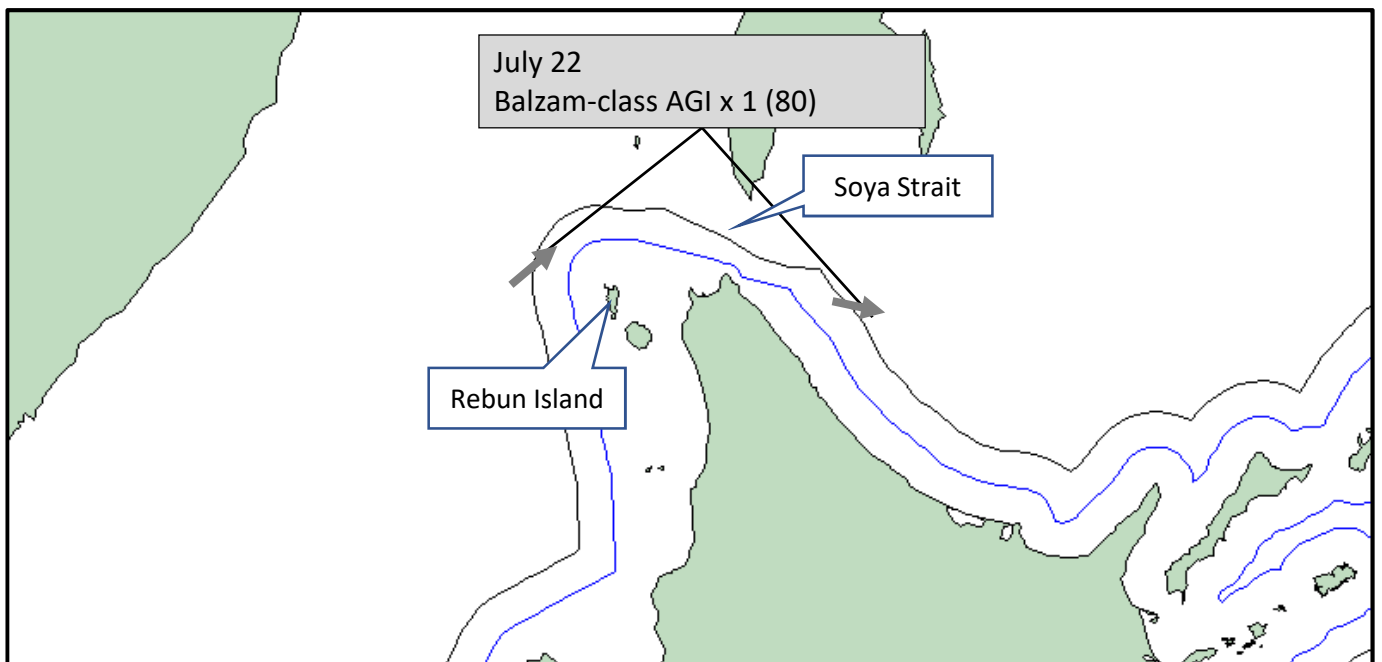


Overview of Activities



→ : RFN Vessel

□ : This time PR



→ : RFN Vessel

□ : Previous PR